COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT	FILE NO.
November 15, 1993	I.A.B. #006547

PERSONNEL INVOLVED

ESCAMILLAS, Arthur, Deputy #[redacted]
Century Station-Firestone Facility
Field Operations Region II
JOBLING, James R., Deputy #[redacted]
Century Station-Firestone Facility
Field Operations Region II

PATTERSON, Michael G., Deputy #[redacted]
Century Station-Firestone Facility
Field Operations Region II
QUINTERO, Marcelo, Deputy #[redacted]
Century Station-Lynwood Facility
Field Operations Region II

REQUESTOR

William A. Baker, Chief
Field Operations Region II

CHARACTER OF CASE

Deputy Involved Shooting, Suspect Deceased

LOCATION

[redacted] 62 Street, #[redacted], Los Angeles

REFERENCE	INVESTIGATOR
William A. Baker, Chief Field Operations Region II	Thomas G. Martin, Sergeant Donald J. Shively, Sergeant Internal Affairs Bureau

SYNOPSIS

On November15, 1993, at approximately 2320 hours, Century Station-Firestone Facility dispatched a radio call indicating that a family disturbance, involving a man with a rifle, was occurring at [redacted] 62nd Street. Deputies Arthur Escamillas, James Jobling, Michael Patterson, and Marcelo Quintero responded to the location.

When the deputies entered the open courtyard at the location they saw Suspect Victor H. Velasco standing in the [redacted] of apartment [redacted]. The suspect had his back toward the deputies, however, they could see that he was holding a rifle in his hands. The deputies took cover behind a [redacted] in the [redacted]. Deputy Escamillas ordered Subject Velasco to drop the rifle numerous times in both English and Spanish.

Suspect Velasco turned and faced the deputies then responded by yelling "Fuck you," in English, several times. Suspect Velasco raised the rifle toward the deputies. Each deputy believed Suspect Velasco was going to fire the rifle in their direction, and fearing for their safety, they fired their weapons at the suspect.

Suspect Velasco sustained multiple gunshot wounds and died at the location.

SUBMITTED BY	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO
Bert J. Cueva, Captain Internal Affairs Bureau P.S.T.D.	Commander Review Committee

STATUS OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED

Continuing on duty.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING EVALUATION

UNIT:	Century Station-Firestone Facility
DATE:	November 15, 1993
TIME:	2320 Hours
LOCATION:	[redacted] 62nd Street, Los Angeles
URN#:	093-08549-0173-055
IAB#:	006547
NATURE OF INCIDENT:	Deputy Involved Shooting, Suspect Deceased

COMPLETED BY: Sergeant Tom Martin
Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: November 16, 1993

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INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call	X	Observation		Search Warrant		Arrest Warrant	

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

[redacted] 62nd Street, Apartment [redacted], Los Angeles, California, 90001

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence	X	Business		Industrial		Parking Lot	
Street		Backyard		Freeway		Rural	
Other	X	[redacted] apartment complex.					

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE	TIME	DAY
11/15/93	**2320 hours**	**Monday**

LIGHTING	WEATHER
Nighttime **Artificial exterior lighting present.**	**Clear and cool.**

DISTANCE

Approximately ten to fifteen feet.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Suspect was armed with a rifle.

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CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	No
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	NO
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	[X] RAID JACKET: [ ] PLAIN CLOTHES: [ ]
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	No
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	No
MOVING VEHICLE:	No
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Department issued
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION:
Suspect was armed with a rifle.

LOS ANGI_ES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S D_ARTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME ESCAMILLAS, Arthur						
RANK Deputy		EMPLOYEE NO. [redacted]	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Century Station-Firestone Facility / FOR II			
SEX M	RACE Hispanic	HEIGHT 5'08"	WEIGHT 162	DATE OF BIRTH [redacted]	AGE 38	
DUTY STATUS Continuing on full duty					HIRE DATE June 15, 1988	
UNIFORM Yes	RAID JACKET No	PLAIN CLOTHES No			VEST Yes	
INJURED No				DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. Not Applicable	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES Not Applicable						

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Firestone Facility Briefing Room

SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Bill Corrette; Deputy Tony Murrill; Deputy John Haughey

WEAPON USED

TYPE 12 gauge shotgun, Ithica	AUTHORIZED Yes	
AMMUNITION TYPE 12 gauge OO buckshot	AUTHORIZED Yes	
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [redacted]	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY Four (4)	NO. OF HITS Unknown See Homicide Report

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE No	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No	ORDERED BY Not Applicable

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [redacted]	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
12/02/90 - Present	Century Station - Firestone Facility	Deputy

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
092-06104-0173-055	June 29, 1992	A suspect fired a weapon at the deputies and Escamillas returned fire. Suspect was wounded.

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME
JOBLING, James

RANK	EMPLOYEE NO.	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT
Deputy	[redacted]	Century Station-Firestone Facility / FOR II

SEX	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE
M	White	6'01"	240	[redacted]	33

DUTY STATUS	HIRE DATE
Continuing on full duty	August 10, 1983

UNIFORM	RAID JACKET	PLAIN CLOTHES	VEST
Yes	No	No	Yes

INJURED	DECEASED	CORONER'S CASE NO.
No	No	Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
Not Applicable

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Firestone Facility Briefing Room

SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Bill Corrette; Deputy Tony Murrill; Deputy John Haughey

WEAPON USED

TYPE	AUTHORIZED
Beretta, 92F, 9mm pistol	Yes

AMMUNITION TYPE	AUTHORIZED
9mm Department issued ammunition	Yes

RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE)	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY	NO. OF HITS
[redacted]	Two (2)	Unknown See Homicide Report

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED	ORDERED BY
No	No	Not Applicable

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE)	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE)
[redacted]	[redacted]

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
03/13/88 - Present	Century Station - Firestone Facility	Deputy

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
092-36092-0173-055	June 29, 1992	A suspect fired a weapon at the deputies and Jobling returned fire. The suspect was wounded.

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME		
PATTERSON, Michael G.		

RANK	EMPLOYEE NO.	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT
Deputy	[redacted]	Century Station-Firestone Facility / FOR II

SEX	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE
M	White	6-00	165	[redacted]	31

DUTY STATUS	HIRE DATE
Continuing on full duty	September 23, 1987

UNIFORM	RAID JACKET	PLAIN CLOTHES	VEST
Yes	No	No	Yes

INJURED	DECEASED	CORONER'S CASE NO.
No	No	Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
None

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Firestone Facility Briefing Room

SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Bill Corrette; Deputy Tony Murrill; Deputy John Haughey

WEAPON USED

TYPE	AUTHORIZED
Beretta, 92F, 9mm pistol	Yes

AMMUNITION TYPE	AUTHORIZED
9mm Department issued ammunition	Yes

RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE)	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY	NO. OF HITS
[redacted]	Three (3)	Unknown See Homicide Report

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED	ORDERED BY
No	No	Not Applicable

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE)	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE)
[redacted]	[redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
11/01/89 - present	Century Station - Firestone Facility	Deputy

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
092-09864-0199-057	November 12, 1992	Suspect wounded after 245 P.C. against Patterson

LOS ANG_ES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S D_ARTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME		
QUINTERO, Marcelo		

RANK	EMPLOYEE NO.	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT
Deputy	[redacted]	Century Station-Firestone Facility / FOR II

SEX	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE
M	Hispanic	5'08"	171	[redacted]	29

DUTY STATUS	HIRE DATE
Continuing on full duty	December 07, 1988

UNIFORM	RAID JACKET	PLAIN CLOTHES	VEST
Yes	No	No	Yes

INJURED	DECEASED	CORONER'S CASE NO.
No	No	Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
Not applicable

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Firestone Facility Briefing Room

SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Corrette; Deputy Tony Murrill; Deputy John Haughey

WEAPON USED

TYPE	AUTHORIZED
Beretta, 92F, 9mm pistol	Yes

AMMUNITION TYPE	AUTHORIZED
9mm Department issued ammunition	Yes

RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE)	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY	NO. OF HITS
[redacted]	Five (5)	Unknown See Homicide Report

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED	ORDERED BY
No	No	Not Applicable

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE)	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE)
[redacted]	[redacted]

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
08/25/91 - Present	Century Station - Lynwood Facility	Deputy

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
[redacted]		

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
Velasco	Victor	H.

ADDRESS
[redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
M	Hispanic	5'11"	160	03/21/69	24	Yes

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
N/A	N/A

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
Yes

TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	LAB TEST CONDUCTED
Unknown	By the Coroner's Office, Coroner #93-10574

ARMED	TYPE OF WEAPON
Yes	Rifle

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	NUMBER OF HITS
None	N/A

SUSPECT VEHICLE
None

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)
Yes, See Exhibit "B"

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT
See Narrative

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT
IAB FILE #006547

The summary of this incident is based upon the reports, memos, teletypes, and taped interviews contained in this packet. It also contains information verbally relayed to the Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators. This summary is preliminary and does not contain an interview by the Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators of the deputies involved in the incident. Their account of this incident was obtained verbally from Nancy Reid, Lieutenant #[redacted], of the Homicide Bureau. Refer to Exhibit "A" for the crime reports describing the incident.

Witness [redacted] said that she and Suspect Victor Velasco lived [redacted] with their [redacted] at [redacted]. She said her [redacted] live across the [redacted] from them in apartment [redacted] of the same [redacted].

Witness [redacted] stated that Suspect Velasco had been angry with her for the last two days; however, she didn't know why. At about 1600 hours, on Monday, November 15, 1993, Suspect Velasco, left [redacted] apartment without telling her where he was going. At approximately 2230 hours, the suspect returned to the location. She said she heard [redacted] car drive into the rear parking lot of the apartment complex.

Witness [redacted] said she walked to the parking lot and saw Suspect Velasco sitting in [redacted] parked car. She said he appeared to be drunk and possibly on drugs. She said the suspect was drinking a beer and acting very strangely. He told her he did not want her around anymore. She decided to spend the night at her [redacted] apartment. She returned to her apartment to get a blanket to take with her to her [redacted] apartment.

Witness [redacted] stated that while she was in her apartment, Suspect Velasco entered. She said when he saw that she was leaving, he grabbed her arm and threw her onto the couch. Suspect Velasco pulled her hair and told her he would not allow her to leave. He also wanted her to get their [redacted] from her [redacted] apartment. She said the suspect retrieved a rifle that he kept in the apartment. He then pulled her hair, placed the end of the barrel of the rifle against her forehead and said he was going to kill her. She said she began crying and screaming very loudly. In order to get away from Suspect Velasco, she told him she would go to apartment [redacted] and get [redacted] for him.

Witness [redacted] said that she went into apartment [redacted]. Those inside apartment [redacted] with Witness [redacted] were: her [redacted]; her [redacted]; her [redacted] and [redacted]; [redacted] girlfriend [redacted]; her two year old [redacted]; her one month old [redacted].

Witness [redacted] said Suspect Velasco came to the door of apartment [redacted] demanding that his [redacted] be given to him or he would begin shooting. She said the suspect became angrier, ran back to apartment [redacted] without [redacted] got the rifle and returned to apartment [redacted].

Witness [redacted] said they locked the door of apartment [redacted] because they were afraid of what the suspect would do. Suspect Velasco began pounding on the door of apartment and then he broke the front window of the apartment with the rifle.

Witness [redacted] said her [redacted] and [redacted] opened the front door of apartment [redacted] in an attempt to calm the suspect. She said the suspect entered the doorway of the apartment, began yelling at

everyone and pointed the rifle them.

Witness [redacted] locked herself and her [redacted] in the bathroom inside apartment [redacted].

Lieutenant Reid said at approximately 2320 hours, Firestone Facility unit 15 B, Deputies Michael Patterson and Marcelo Quintero, were assigned to handle a call for service at [redacted] 62nd Street, apartment [redacted], Firestone Facility unit 11, Deputies Arthur Escamillas and James Jobling were assigned to assist them. She said the call indicated that a family disturbance was taking place at the location. The disturbing party was the callers [redacted] who was drunk and armed with a rifle.

Lieutenant Reid said the two patrol units met at [redacted] and [redacted] 62 Street to plan their strategy for handling the call. They decided to park their cars at that location and approach the apartment on foot because they feared being a greater target for someone with a rifle if they were in vehicles. They also decided to have Deputy Escamillas arm himself with a shotgun and be the point man as they approached the apartment complex. Deputy Escamillas was chosen for that assignment so that he could communicate with the suspect in English and Spanish if needed. The three other deputies armed themselves with their Department issued 9mm Beretta pistols.

Lieutenant Reid said that when the deputies entered the [redacted] at the [redacted] end of apartment complex, they saw the suspect standing in the doorway of apartment [redacted], located on the [redacted] side of the complex (See diagram, Exhibit C). She said the suspect was facing in a [redacted] direction with his back to the deputies. The deputies saw that the suspect was holding a rifle.

Lieutenant Reid stated the deputies took cover behind the [redacted] located slightly [redacted] of the suspect, in the apartment building [redacted] (See diagram, Exhibit C). She said that Deputy Escamillas repeatedly told the suspect to drop the rifle in both English and Spanish. She said the suspect moved to a position inside the front door of apartment [redacted] along the [redacted] side of the door frame facing the deputies. The suspect initially pointed the rifle toward the ground and repeatedly yelled, "Fuck you," in response to Deputy Escamillas' orders.

Lieutenant Reid said the last time Deputy Escamillas told the suspect to drop the weapon, Suspect Velasco again said, "Fuck You," then raised his rifle and pointed it toward the deputies.

Lieutenant Reid said Deputy Quintero began to move to a position of cover behind a [redacted] located slightly [redacted] of the front door of apartment [redacted]. As he moved toward the tree he stumbled. When Quintero stumbled he heard the sound of gunshots and of bullets impacting the ground. Deputy Quintero believed Suspect Velasco was shooting at him. Deputy Quintero fired 5 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta at the suspect.

Lieutenant Reid said that deputies Escamillas, Patterson and Jobling believed Suspect Velasco was going to shoot them with the rifle he pointed at them. She said that Deputy Escamillas, who is [redacted], stepped to the [redacted] of the [redacted] he was using as cover and fired 4 rounds of 12 gauge 00 buck shot from a Department issued Ithica shotgun at the suspect. Deputy Patterson fired 3 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta at the suspect. Deputy Jobling fired 2 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta at the suspect.

Witness [redacted] stated that from inside the apartment bathroom she heard the deputies tell Suspect

Velasco, in English, to drop the rifle. She heard the suspect screaming at the deputies, saying "Fuck you" or "Fuck the police." She said Suspect Velasco spoke in English when he was yelling at the deputies. Witness [redacted] said that Suspect Velasco spoke and understood English. She said she could not hear everything that was being said between the suspect and the police because she was in the bathroom. She said the next thing she heard was gunshots.

Lieutenant Reid said the suspect fell to the floor just inside the doorway of apartment [redacted] with his rifle falling at his feet (See photographs, Exhibit D).

Homicide Sergeant Fred Ortiz said he conducted an investigation of the crime scene. He found that the suspect's rifle was not loaded. He also stated that no evidence was found to indicate the suspect shot at the deputies.

Witness [redacted] said the deputies ordered her and the others in the apartment out into the [redacted].

The complaint report written by Firestone Deputy Duncan indicates that Suspect Velasco was wounded in the face and torso by the deputies' bullets. Paramedics from Los Angeles County Fire Department, Station #9, arrived at the location and pronounced the suspect dead at 2330 hours.

LOS ANGE ES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DE ARTMENT

WITNESS LIST

SWORN AND DEPT EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, EMPLOYEE NUMBER, UNIT, AND DIVISION/REGION OF ASSIGNMENT - ALL OTHER WITNESSES TO INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS (BUSINESS AND HOME) AND TELEPHONE #

WITNESS # 1 [redacted]

was interviewed on November 16, 1993, at 0255 hours by Sergeants Tom Martin and Don Shively of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded.

WITNESS # ____

was interviewed on ________________ at ________ hours by ________________________ of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/herAdministrativeRights: Yes [__] No [__]

WITNESS # ____

was interviewed on ________________ at ________ hours by ________________________ of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/herAdministrativeRights: Yes [__] No [__]

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NOTE: THIS LIST ONLY CONTAINS THOSE WITNESSES PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY I.A.B. INVESTIGATORS. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES.